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• OR procedure pack market is soft due to the use of more reusable products, custom packs. Mar 91:10.
• Smoke evacs extract airborne bacteria from O.R. laser sites. Sep 92:2.
• Rockingham Memorial slashes O.R. inventory. Jul 92:3.
• St. Joseph cuts I.C.U. cuts with supply station. Aug 92:4.
• Wentworth-Douglass organizes OR inventory. Oct 91:5.
• West Jefferson switches from OR exchange carts to par carts. Mar 91:15.

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• AmeriNet Elite contract extends to implants. Jan 91:10.
• Former materials manager tackles operating room inventory at Desert Springs Hospital. Oct 91:18.
• Hospitals saving with custom implants. Nov 92:7.
• Implant prices rose more than 8%, OMN reports. May 92:17.
• LAC-USC standardizes orthopedic implants. Jul 92:5.
• Munroe Regional targets orthopedic inventory. Jan 91:6.
• Munroe Regional to save $30,000 on orthopedics. Apr 91:4.
• Orthopedic hard goods first for Purchase Connection. Dec 91:8.
• Orthopædic network to be sold; Ettinger joins Baxter. Sep 91:8.
• Orthopedics vendors may target patients directly. Jan 91:7.
• Purchasers see growing role in orthopedics. Jan 91:6.
• VHA North Central to rate implants. Sep 91:6.
• VHA regionals ponder orthopedic implants. Feb 91:7.

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• Disposables, convenience kits are costing hospitals an unnecessary fortune. Sep 91:14.
• Foam cups may be safer. Mar 91:27.
• Hospital purchasers expect fetal monitoring paper prices to rise 3% to 5% in the next year. May 91:11.
• Increased competition means stable prices for yellow self-stick removable note pads. Jan 91:17.
• Ingalls Memorial launches paper recycling program. Feb 92:4.
• MacNeal will not stop paper recycling program. Mar 91:6.
• Paper prices to escalate 2% to 5%. Apr 91:1.
• Paper prices fall nearly 2%. Apr 92:1.
• Purchase Connection seeks committed volume. Mar 91:7.
• Purchasers foresee stable prices for lined-paper pads. Mar 91:16.
• Shadyside Hospital spent $18,000 on recycling. Apr 91:18.

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• AmHS and Abbott curb generic drug costs. Aug 92:6.
• Bakersfield Memorial saves with drug ATM. May 92:5.
• Buying bicarbonate bath in powdered form slashes costs (Robert J. Doyle, R.N., M.S.). Mar 92:17.
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• Drug indexes down 0.2% from second quarter. Jan 91:22.
• Drug indexes down 0.3% from second quarter. Jan 92:19.
• Drug indexes down 0.8% in fourth quarter 1991. Apr 92:19.
• Drug indexes fall 2.4% in second quarter 1992. Oct 92:19.
• Drug indexes fall 1.5% in third quarter 1992. Dec 92:19.
• Drug indexes increase 2% in first quarter 1992. Jul 92:19.
• Drug indexes up 3% from third quarter 1990. Apr 91:22.
• Drug indexes up 2% from fourth quarter 1990. Jul 91:20.
• Drug indexes up 0.7% from first quarter 1991. Oct 91:19.
• Generic drug prices may rise 8-10%. Feb 91:1.
• Generic drug prices still falling. Feb 92:1.
• GPOs unhappy with pharmaceutical contracts. Sep 92:9.
• Groups wary of turmoil in generics industry. May 91:10.
• HCA's fallout with Baxter anticipated. Mar 92:9.
• HCI supplies Moscow center through Vector. Oct 91:7.
• Henry Ford moves on drug reps; others debate tactic. Mar 92:2.
• HIGPA offers amendment to reinstate discounts. Sep 91:6.
• Hospital pharmacists seek to control sales rep activities. Apr 92:2.
• Hospitals can reduce Rx costs through well-controlled formularies, AJHP report says. Nov 92:3.
• Hospitals eliminating heparin I.V. catheter flushes save money, reduce patient side effects. Mar 92:16.
• Hospitals, pharmacists share equivalent responsibilities and liabilities for actions. Oct 91:22.
• Hospitals predict soaring pharmaceutical cost if discounts are eliminated, study shows. Jun 92:19.
• Hospitals refute price hikes by setting caps. Apr 92:10.
• Hospitals save with pharmaceutical ATMs. Apr 92:5.
• IMS updates HMM's Pharmacy Indexes (James J. Doyle, PhD). Jan 91:19.
• I.V. solution prices to jump 7%. Oct 91:1.
• I.V. solution prices rise 5%. Oct 92:1.
• Joint Purchasing signs biotech drug contracts. Mar 92:5.

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• Look before leaping when buying costly biotech drugs (Patricia A. Colaizzi). Jun 92:15.
• Managers expecting flat MDI prices. Sep 91:19.
• Medicaid rebates may skew pricing of pharmaceuticals. Feb 91:2.
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• Mercy value analysis saves almost $500,000 annually. Jun 92:4.
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• Pharmacists have more responsibilities, liabilities than hospital materials managers. Sep 91:22.
• Pharmacy non-salary expenses per admission. Sep 92:10.
• Purchase Connection votes on pharm contracts. Jun 91:9.
• St. Mary's bans drug sales reps, sets price cap. Dec 91:3.
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• Consultants find slim GPO price differences. Sep 91:16.
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• GPOs react positively to new rules. Sep 91:15.
• Group contracts will grow, industry to consolidate. Jun 91:10.
• Hospitals, GPOs look to cut costs with refurbished beds. Jun 92:1.
• Hospitals, vendors debate health care costs. Mar 92:17.
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• MedEcon drops affiliation with HSNE. Oct 92:5.
• MedEcon signs three-year pact with JPC. Dec 92:6.
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• Mercy estimates 6% savings with AmHS buying affiliation. Apr 91:1.
• Mercy National launches three-year strategic plan. Feb 92:6.
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• Owensboro-Davies County evaluating seven GPOs. Oct 91:4.
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• Philips offers finance program with Citicorp. Jun 91:17.
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• Premier distributes $1.65 million in dividends from J&J partnership. Oct 92:6.
• Premier survey probes stockless future. Oct 92:7.
• Shriners, Charter hospital systems seek new GPOs. Mar 91:2.
• Santa Clara Valley to save with centralization, MMIS. Feb 92:3.
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• SSSH signs respiratory care pact with Primedica. Oct 92:6.
• St. Joseph System changes tracking programs. Dec 92:7.
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• Bethania Regional signs modified JIT for med/surg. Dec 91:4.
• Bunnell ordered to halt ventilator distribution. Oct 92:2.
• Children's saves with recyclable sensors. Nov 92:2.
• Evaluating the need for needleless I.V. systems. (Melanie Halpern). Dec 91:2.
• Franciscan standardizes vendors, joins CROSS. Dec 91:3.
• Hospital buyers mull over high-frequency ventilators. Sep 91:2.
• Hospitals combat phone theft with disposables. Dec 91:4.
• Hospitals ill-informed of GPO contract details, unaware of actual savings, executives say. May 92:12.
• Lake System cuts infectious waste disposal costs 50% using on-site sterilization. Dec 92:4.
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• Mercy National cash incentives 14% higher. Aug 92:6.
• Mercy saves with state equipment financing. Dec 91:3.
• New OSHA bloodborne pathogens rules on horizon. Dec 91:4.
• Pelham Bay avoids costs with tray processing service. Oct 92:4.
• Safety goggle prices expected to fall. Feb 92:14.
• Salinas Valley retrofits Honeywell system. Dec 92:3.
• Santa Clara Valley to save with centralization, MMIS. Feb 92:3.
• Self-renewing or 'evergreen' clauses in hospital purchasing have legal consequences. Aug 92:22.
• Shawnee Mission cuts surgical par levels. Dec 92:3.
• So. Ga. Med Center cuts red bag waste. Dec 92:5.
• St. Joseph's (Phoenix) recycling cuts waste 40%. Oct 92:4
• St. Joseph's (Tampa) acquires Humana Women's Hospital. Dec 92:5.
• St. Mary's bans drug sales reps, sets price cap. Dec 91:3.
• St. Paul to reduce lost patient charges by $36,000. Aug 92:5.
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• United Hospital (N.Y.) buys MedTake system. Dec 92:4.
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• Asset management key to tracking radiology supplies. Sep 92:14.
• Asset management aids radiology headaches (Barbara J. Boyd). Oct 92:8.
• Baltimore Co. General purchases X-ray rooms. Nov 92:2.
• Radiology departments cut costs. Aug 92:10.
• Radiology non-salary expenses per procedure. Aug 92:10.
• Tough competition tempers X-ray prices. Dec 92:1.

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• AmeriNet contracts for nurse paging systems. Jul 92:6.
• AmHS signs hardware, clinical systems contracts. Jun 91:7.
• EPIC signs commission contract with Bell. Jul 91:8.
• MedEcon sets up private AT&T telephone network. Aug 92:7.
• Solid thorough bid process helps hospitals find best telecommunications system values. Apr 91:15.
• SunHealth, AmHS look at U.S. Sprint technology. Jan 91:10.
• VHA renews three-year contracts with AT&T. Aug 91:7.

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• Bethania Regional to shut down incinerator. Apr 92:5.
• Cooperative incinerator may cause problems if not-for-profit venture. Jul 91:22.
• East Texas Medical to save with new autoclave. Jun 92:5.
• Environmental positioning kit created by ASHCMPR. Oct 91:6.
• Franklin Square to upgrade incinerator, up recycling. Oct 91:5.
• GPOs, alliances reexamine waste treatment options. Dec 91:1.
• Hospital of the Good Samaritan to save with autoclave. Aug 91:14.
• Hospitals have several methods available to treat and dispose of medical waste. (Nelson S. Slavik). Dec 91:14.
• Hospitals looking at alternative treatment methods to dispose of infectious medical waste. Apr 92:14.
• Hospitals use alternative off-site methods. Aug 92:14.
• Ingalls Memorial launches paper recycling program. Feb 92:4.
• Iroquois to develop regional autoclave. Aug 91:14.
• Lake System cuts infectious waste disposal costs 50% using on-site sterilization. Dec 92:4.
• Medical Center Hospital gears up for new waste handling program that recycles pre-op trash. Dec 91:16.
• Medical Center of Central Ga. converts to reusables. Aug 92:3.
• Medical waste becomes monster in cost-cutting fight. Dec 91:1.
• MONOC joins JPC, signs infectious waste contract. Feb 92:4.
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• So. Ga. Med Center cuts red bag waste. Dec 92:5.
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• SSSH members seek full-time service waste hauler. Apr 91:19.
• SSSH service contracts generate $18.5 million. Jun 92:9.
• St. Joseph's (Phoenix) recycling cuts waste 40%. Oct 92:4.
• St. Luke's Episcopal saves with stockless, recycling. May 92:3.
• Thorek saves $40,000 through waste handling. Jul 92:5.
• Vector signs medical waste disposal agreement. Apr 92:9.
• Vendor refutes waste handling powder story (Letter to the editor, James J. Norton). Jan 92:18.

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• Contrast media screening avoids $777,500 in costs. Sep 92:3.
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• Intermountain customer service builds compliance. Feb 91:7.
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• Baptist Hospital expects to save $750,000. Mar 91:15.
• Brockton Hospital improves order accuracy by using EDI. Feb 91:12.
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• Franciscan standardizes vendors, joins CROSS. Dec 91:3.
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• Hospital of the Good Samaritan gains 50% more storage space with active-aisle shelves. Mar 91:14.
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